



Processing Transactions for Stranded Loads Due to Network Outages in BPA System, Version 2 - Bulletin

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Associated business practice: Scheduling Transmission Service

This bulletin replaces the bulletin Alternative e-Tagging Procedures for Insufficient ATC¹ Postings posted December 5, 2008.

Certain transmission outages make it impossible to serve load via the usual procedures. In some instances, however, it is possible to provide service to the stranded load in a manner other than the usual service. However, due to the posted Available Transfer Capability (ATC), reservations cannot always be made for the alternate service. This bulletin sets forth the process in which BPA Transmission Services may use its discretion to offer transmission service when posted ATC is not sufficient, but BPA Transmission Services knows that sufficient ATC is available to accommodate the service request. Because e-Tags submitted on paths with insufficient posted ATC automatically fail in OASIS², BPA Transmission Services has created the following procedures to manually approve e-Tags in such instances.

In the procedure described below, “Customer³” refers to either the Customer that schedules for themselves or the Customer’s scheduling representative.

Procedure for Service to Load Stranded by Outage

1. As far in advance of the planned outage as possible, the Customer should inform its BPA Transmission Services' Account Executive of any known outages or system conditions that might impact posted ATC values on the transmission path(s) used by the Customer to serve load. In doing so, the Customer should request that BPA Transmission Services use its discretion to approve the Customer's e-Tag(s) impacted by the outage or system condition if there is sufficient ATC to do so.
2. BPA Transmission Services will determine and notify the Customer if there is sufficient ATC to accommodate the Customer's e-Tag(s) as soon as practicable.
3. If there is sufficient ATC available, the Customer must submit an e-Tag during Pre-schedule hours. The e-Tag will fail automated validation.
4. The Customer must then contact BPA Transmission Services' Preschedule desk and request manual approval of the failed e-Tag. The Customer should provide the e-Tag identification number.

¹Available Transfer Capability

²Open Access Same-Time Information System

³Any customer taking service under Use of Facilities (UFT), Formula Power Transmission (FPT), Integration of Resources (IR), Part II or Part III of the OATT.

5. If needed, the Customer may repeat steps 3 and 4 to cover the entire period of the outage.
6. If an outage impacts Real-Time schedules, the Customer should follow this procedure, but must submit an e-Tag during the Real-Time scheduling window and then contact BPA Transmission Services' Real-Time desk and request manual approval of the failed e-Tag.
7. BPA Transmission Services will complete a discretion posting on OASIS to describe the service provided.